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SUBJECT: STRADIVARI QUARTET

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SUMMARY: STRADIVARI QUARTET HIGHLY ACCLAIMED BY PRESS AND PUBLIC IN FIVE CONCERTS AT FOUR THEATERS IN THREE CITIES OF PORTUGAL INCLUDING ONE RECORDED BY PORTUGUESE STATE TELEVISION IN LISBON. TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR FOUR PUBLIC CONCERTS: ABOUT 2000 (MAINLY CULTURAL-POLITICAL LEADERS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS). LISBON'S LEADING DAILY DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (2/17) HERALDED THE QUARTET'S PERFORMANCE AS "A MAGNIFICENT MUSICAL EVENING" AND PORTUGUESE STATE TELEVISION INVITED GROUP TO RETURN TO LISBON NEXT YEAR.

1. STRADIVARI QUARTET ESTABLISHED A FIRM REPUTATION FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE IN ITS SECOND VISIT TO PORTUGAL (FEB. 14-19) PERFORMING IN FIVE CONCERTS IN LISBON, COIMBRA AND OPORTO UNDER CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PORTUGUESE STATE TELEVISION, GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, COIMBRA UNIVIERSTY, ORPHEON PORTUENSE AND LISBON UNIVERSITY. SRO CONCERT AT GULBENKIAN WAS ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR, UNCLASSIFIED

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DCM AND MANY PORTUGUESE CULTURAL-POLITICAL LEADERS PORTUGUESE STATE TELEVISION (RTP/LISBON) WAS SO IMPRESSED BY STRADIVARI'S RECORDED CONCERT THAT RTP ASKED QUARTET TO RETURN TO LISBON NEXT YEAR FOR ANOTHER RECORDING SESSION. RTP'S INVITATIONS IS INDEED A RARE COMPLIMENT ESPECIALLY N IN CONSIDERATION OF NETWORK'S ONGOING INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND RESULTANT EFFECTS ON PROGRAMMING.

2. ESTIMATED AT TOTAL OF 2000 (MAINLY CULTURAL-POLITICAL LEADERS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS), AUDIENCES IN ALL CITIES GAVE QUARTET A STANDING OVATION AND BROUGHT MUSICIANS BACK FOR AN AVERAGE OF FOUR BOWS AMIDST SHOUTS OF "BRAVO."

3. PRE-CONCERT PUBLICITY WAS EXCELLENT RESULTING IN COMPLETELY SOLD-OUT PERFORMANCE AT GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION ONE MONTH PRIOR TO CONCERT. SAMPLE PRESS REVIEWS FOLLOWS: UNDER A 3-COLUMN ARTICLE HEADLINING "STRADIVARI'S MAGNIFICENT MUSICAL EVENING", DIARIO DE NOTICIAS MUSIC CRITIC ARNESTO NUNES SAID THIS YEAR'S PERFORMANCE BY STRADIVARI REACHED A NEW MUSICAL HIGH. DESCRIBING THE CONCERT AS "TRULY REMARKABLE", NUNES STATED THAT QUARTET'S "INTERPRETATIONS WERE LIVELY AND PENETRATING, PROVIDED FLOWING, AUTHENTIC MUSICAL FEELING AND RENEWED THE MUSICAL VALUES AND SPIRIT WHICH INSPIRE THEM". OPORTO'S "COMERCIO DO PORTO" (2/20) CONCLUDED THAT STRADIVARI QUARTET GAVE OPORTO AUDIENCES "ANOTHER EXTRAORDINARY CONCERT OF GREAT CHAMBER MUSIC."

4. ONLY ONE SOUR NOTE: VIOLIST WILLIAM PREUCIL LOST HIS WALLET AT THE RAILWAY STATION IN COIMBRA.

5. POST GREATLY APPRECIATES CU ASSISTANCE IN HELPING STRADIVARI FULFILL CONCERT DATES IN PORTUGAL. BOTH QUARTET AND POST WERE DELIGHTED BY SUCCESSFUL AUDIENCE RESPONSE.

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